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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 8241

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR: CANADIAN DEMARCHE

1. CANADIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR LOOYE TOLD POLCOUNS JUNE 9 THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD MADE A DEMARCHE TO DEPUTY FM ZEMSKOV MAY 31. THE DEMARCHE GREW OUT OF A CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION ON SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE RESOLUTION NAMED THREE SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AS THE PARTICULAR SUBJECTS OF CANADIAN CONCERN. THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RESPONDING TO THE RESOLUTION SENT A LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. THE LATTER REJECTED IT AS CONSTITUTING INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
  2. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE LETTER IN OTTAWA, FORD MADE AN ORAL DEMARCHE HERE. OUR REPORT HAS IT THAT DEPUTY FONMIN ZEMSKOV TREATED THE CANADIAN PRESENTATION "QUITE LIGHTLY" BUT NEVERTHELESS REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT, SAYING IT CONSTITUTED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ZEMSKOV REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT THE MORE THAT DETENTE WAS APPLIED IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE, THE HARDER
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ITS ENEMIES STRUGGLED AGAINST IT WHICH COULD LEAD TO NEGATIVE EFFECTS.

3. ACCORDING TO LOOYE AMBASSADOR FORD ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH GROMYKO TO DELIVER A LETTER (THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE NOT SPECIFIED. ZEMSKOV TOLD HIM THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS NOT AVAILABLE AND WOULD NOT BE

AVAILABLE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WHEN PRESSED ON THE  
REASONS FOR THIS ZEMSKOV SAID THAT GROMYKO WAS  
VERY BUSY ON A GOOD MANY MATTERS "SOME OF WHICH YOU CAN READ ABOUT  
IN THE PAPERS."  
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